

many, the subduer of the waters, the
leader of the
MaruU.

7. Hear (the praises) of SY!VASWA
offering the
libations, as uhouiast heard (those) of
ATRI engaged
in holy rites: thou alone, INDRA, hast
defended
TBASADASYU in battle, animating his
prayers.

STIKTA VII. (XXXVII.)

Deity and *RisJii* as "before: the metre of the first Terse
is *Atija-*
gatz; of the rest *Malidpankti*.

1. Thou proteotest, INDRA, lord of rites,
with all Varga
protections in combats with enemies, this
sacrifice
of him who offers thee the libations:*
slayer of
YRITRA, irreproachable wielder of the
thunderbolt,
drink of the *Soma* at the mid-day
solemnity.
2. Fierce INBRA, d'efeater of hostile
strraies, lord
of rites, (thou protectest) with all thy
protections;
slayer of VEITRA, irreproachable wielder
of the
thunderbolt, drink of the *Soma* at the
mid-day
solemnity
3. Thou shinest the sole sovereign of this
world,
I*o>RA₃ lord of rites, with all thy protections;
slayer
•of VRITKA, irreproachable wielder of the
thunderbolt,
drink of the *Soma* at the mid-day solemnity.
4. Thou alone, INDRA, lord of rites,
separatest the

* Sayana explains *Brahma* by *Brdhmanan*, and takes the whole clause as, " O Indra, protect these Brahmans with all thy protections in comhats with enemies, (protect) those who offer thee the libation.⁷⁷